## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Confinued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. MDTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filled prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may which to consider filling a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO:SB:29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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iii. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
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Miscellaneous     a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)     b. [ ] Other	
Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed     a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 022666     ii. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)     iii. [] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)     iii. [] Other  b. [] Check in the amount of \$ enclosed	
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	
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